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WHOA !!
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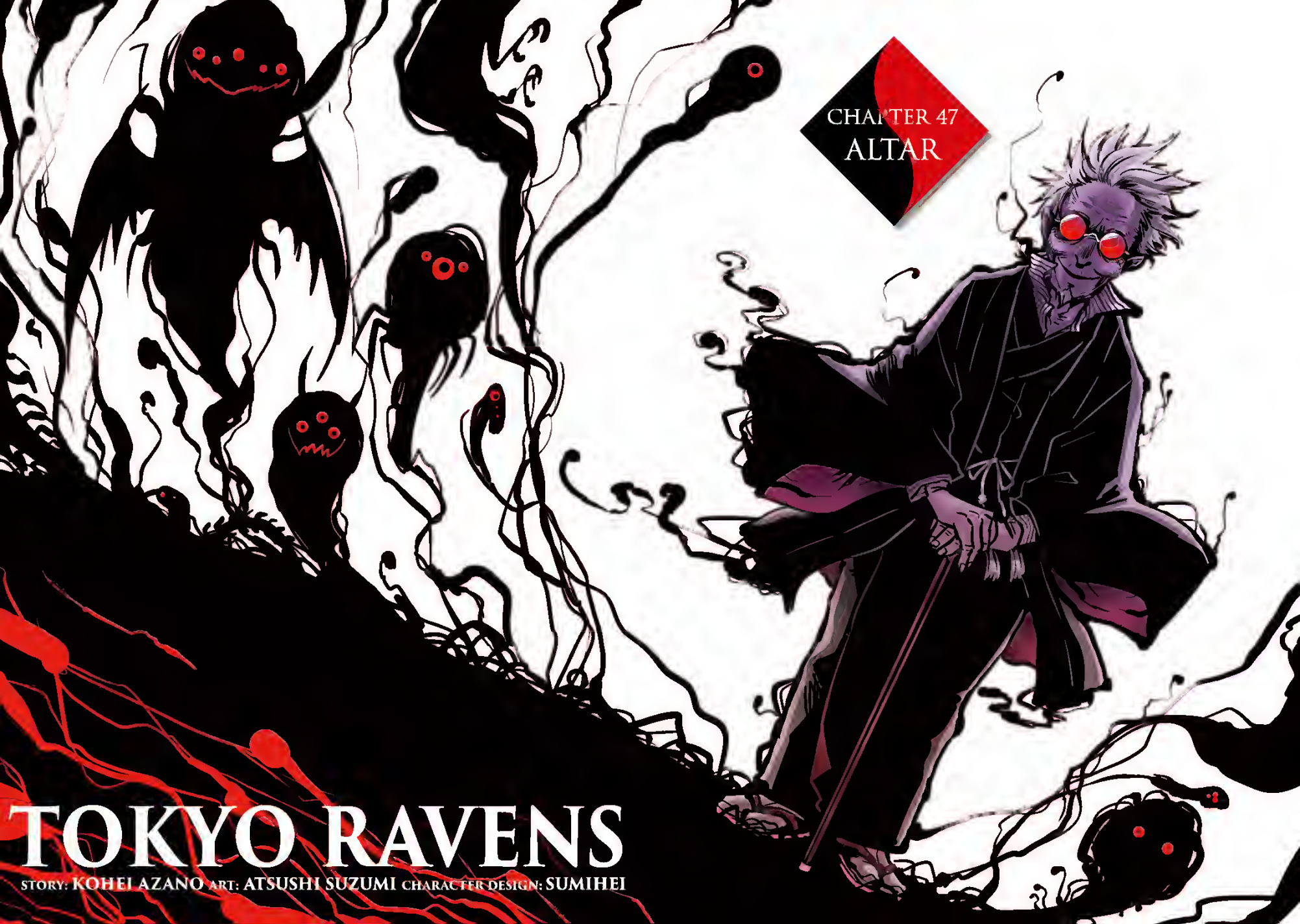
ZZT
ZZT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...THOK!
WHAM!
SH
THUD
HURRY!
NOW'S OUR CHANCE TO ESCAPE THE CAFE-TERIA!
THOK
TH-THIS IS NUTS...
...ポカー
STUNNED...
J-JUST LOOK AT HOW MUCH THE FLOOR IS LURCH-ING.
THUD
P-PLUS... DON'T YOU THINK HOKUTO'S GOING A LITTLE OVER-BOARD?!
BA-DAM

FWOOOSH
TMP
TMP
WHOK!
SHUT UP AND RUN, STUPID-TORA!
ARE WE GONNA HAVE TO PAY TO REPAIR ALL THIS?!
CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER
TMP
TMP
THERE IS NO NEED TO DEFEAT EVERY ENEMY WE COME ACROSS!
AVOID WASTING UNNECESSARY ENERGY!
TMP
TMP
TRAINING ROOM #8 IS DOWN HERE!
!!

WHOOSH
DAMMIT! THEY'RE COMING ONE AFTER ANOTHER!
FIRST SEAL RELEASE!
CRACKLE
LWOOOHHHH!
WHUMPH

WHAM
WHOK
WHOK
WHOK
SLAM
SKREEE!!
T-TOJI?!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME! IF WE MAKE IT INSIDE THE BAR-RIER, WE CAN REST!
JUST GO!
WHUMPH
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP

NATSU-ME, LET ME TAKE THE LEAD!
I CAN CLEAR US A PATH FASTER!
WHIRL
ALL RIGHT!
DON'T PUSH YOURSELF TOO HARD, TOJI!
DON'T BE STU-PID!
YOU THINK I'M GONNA WASTE THIS VALUABLE COMBAT EXPERI-ENCE?!
THAT'S GREAT AND ALL...
BUT THE TIME LIMIT ON YOUR TRANSFORMATION IS ONLY ABOUT FIVE MINUTES ...
AND WE'VE GOTTA MAKE IT DOWN ANOTHER WHOLE FLOOR TO GET TO THE PRACTICAL SKILLS ROOM.
WE'VE GOTTA HURRY!
TWITCH
!!
LOOK OUT, MASTER HARU-TORA!

RMB
RMB
RMB
RMB
RMB
WHA?!
VREEE
TCH!
LEMME BORROW THIS, HARUTORA!
SNATCH
HOPE I'VE GOT... ENOUGH MAGIC!

KER-WHOOM
WHOOSH
!!
SKREEEK
MOVE IT, LOSERS!
GH...
O-OR-DER!
TOJI!
OH CRAP!

WHAM
WHOOSH
LET'S TRY ANOTHER ROUTE! PULL BACK FOR NOW!
WAIT, NATSUME! WE CAN'T PULL BACK NOW OR--
I KNOW!
HOKUTO'S COMING RIGHT
NOW!!
TOJI, DAIREN-JI!
すぃぃアアア
YAAAAAH
FALL BACK LITTLE BY LITTLE, GIVING HOKUTO ROOM TO ATTACK!
アアアア
Hiiiii

BA-DOOM
WHOOM
NATSU-ME!
WHAT'S THIS OTHER ROUTE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT?
...THE EMER-GENCY STAIRS.
IT'S DANGEROUS HERE. WE HAD BETTER RETURN TO THE HALL ABOVE FOR NOW!
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
WHOA ?!
I JUST LINKED MY SIGHT WITH HOKUTO'S.
WHAP
I'M NOT EXAGGER-ATING WHEN I SAY THAT THE STAIRS BELOW ARE BURIED IN FAMILIARS.
WE'LL NEVER MAKE IT!
IT'S ALL OVER IF WE FALL!
AT ANY RATE, WE'VE GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE!
SUZUKA-SWEETIE'S FAMILIARS ALONE WON'T BE ENOUGH TO--
IS THAT KYOKO I HEAR?

WHAM!!
SHWEP
OH, GOOD!
IT APPEARS EVERYONE'S ALL RIGHT.
TMP
TMP
TMP
I KNOW IT'S SUDDEN, BUT PLEASE FOLLOW ME!
WE'RE GOING UP TO THE ROOF!
GRANDMOTHER!!
PRINCIPAL?!
THE ROOF?!
B-BUT!
I KNOW I'M THE ONLY ONE ALLOWED ON THE ROOF, BUT THIS IS AN EMERGENCY.
WE'LL USE THE BARRIER THERE.
THERE'S A BARRIER ON THE ROOF?!
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US THAT IN THE FIRST PLACE?!

FWOOSH
WHA...
IT...
IT CAN'T BE...
FWOOSH
WHAT'S THAT DOING HERE?!

THIS WAY, KIDS!
WHOOOSH...
TMP TMP
Phew!
GRAND-MOTHER!
?!
FLINCH

WHOOOSH
TMP TMP

THIS WAY, KIDS!
Phew!
GRAND-MOTHER!
?!
FLINCH

WHA...?
IS THAT...?
!!
GASP
DAI-RENJI!
KA-
SHING
!!
SKREEEE!!
THUD
THUD
HAKUO! KOKU-FU!

HURRY!
LET'S GO! RUN FOR IT!
YANK
DAM-MIT!
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
NA-TSUME!
TMP
TMP
TMP
WHOOOSH
TMP
TMP
HA
FWIP

ENCLOSE THIS SACRED GROUND AND REPEL EVIL...
WHUMP
VWOOOM
SEAL THE ALTAR!
EWEEN

SKITTER
SKITTER
SKITTER
SWISH
WHOOM
PHEW...
I WASN'T SURE HOW THAT WAS GONNA TURN OUT FOR A SECOND.
RE-BOOT!
PSHHH
... SAFE?
SO, ARE WE...
HIGH
FLOP
NOTH-INGS BETTER THAN REAL BATTLE-FIELD EXPERI-ENCE.
DUDE! DIDN'T I TELL YOU NOT TO DO ANY-THING CRAZY?!
PRIN-CIPAL KURA-HASHI...
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?
FWOOSH

WHOOOSH
WHAT IS THE ALTAR FOR THE TAIZAN FUKUN RITUAL, PASSED DOWN THROUGH THE TSUCHIMIKADO FAMILY...
DOING ON THE ROOF OF ONMYO PREP??
WHAM
UNFORTUNATELY, IT APPEARS...
WE MAY NOT BE "SAFE" AFTER ALL.
...WE CAN TALK LATER.
BA-
DAM
!!
IS THAT THE HIDDEN STAIRCASE WE JUST USED?!
YEP.
LOOKS LIKE THEY BROKE THROUGH IT.

...I APOLOGIZE FOR KEEP-ING YOU WAITING
FWOOOSH
SHIVER
GRAB
THUD

...!!
THUD
FWOOOSH
THUD
HO!
HO...
FWIP
TAP
I DO APOL-OGIZE FOR THE WAIT.

THE REST OF THE CAST IS ASSEMBLED AS WELL.
BRAVO!
FWOOSH
TO YOU KIDS, THIS MUST BE LIKE THE STAR OF THE SHOW FINALLY ARRIVING ON STAGE
NOW...
SHALL WE FINISH WHAT WE'VE STARTED?
GASP!

THIS GUY'S DOMAN ASHIYA?!
FWOOOSH
SOMETHING ABOUT IT JUST DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT...
POOF
THERE'S A...DISTORTION IN HIS AURA?
WHOA... WHAT'S WITH HIS SPIRIT ENERGY?
IT'S WEIRD.
FIRST THE GUARDIAN STATUES AND NOW THIS? YOU'RE AWFULLY HUNG UP ON YOUR ANCESTORS.
SO THIS IS THE ONMYO PREPARATORY SCHOOL...
EH?
AH...
THE TSUCHIMIKADO ALTAR, EH?
THERE'S WHAT?

MAS-
TER...
SEARCH ALL YOU WANT, BUT YOU WON'T FIND WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR.
IT IS NOT HERE.
FWOOSH
THEN, WHERE IS IT?
I DO NOT KNOW.
HO HO!
WELL, I SUPPOSE THAT'S BETTER THAN IF YOU HAD SAID "ONMYO AGENCY."
I ENTRUST-ED THAT SEARCH TO MY FAMILIARS BEFORE I CAME.
I FOLLOWED BECAUSE WAITING ALONE WOULD HAVE PROVEN BORING.
DID MR. FUJI-WARA...
DID THE INSTRUC-TORS NOT ALLEVI-ATE YOUR BORE-DOM?
OH, THEM?
TO BE PERFECTLY FRANK, THEY WERE JUST PLAIN TIRING.
FWOOSH
I HAD MUCH MORE FUN WITH YOUR LITTLE DOGS.
.....

THE DOGS' EFFIGIES, HOWEVER, MAY REQUIRE A FEW REPAIRS.
THEY'RE ALL TAKING A NICE, LONG NAP BELOW.
HOHO! DON'T WORRY, I DIDN'T KILL ANY OF THEM.
NOW...
WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF TIME.
WHAT SHOULD WE PLAY TO PASS THE TIME?
...KH!
SO I GUESS THE REST...
IS IN GOD'S HANDS, EH?
NATSU-ME?!

HUH?
BA-
DOOM
NO! PLEASE LET ME TRY!
WHUMP
WAIT!
WHOOSH
HOKU-TO?!
THE TSUCHI-MIKADO DRAGON?
AH, I SEE.
THIS SHOULD PROVE AN EXCELLENT DIVERSION.

ARROOOOO
WHOMP
THOK
WHOOM
OMPF

WHOOOSH
CHOMP
WHAM
WH...
WHOA!
HOKUTO'S ON A TOTALLY DIFFERENT LEVEL TODAY--
GASP
OH, I GET IT!
IT'S NATSUME!

SHE MAY HAVE BEEN WEAK AND QUICK TO PANIC WHEN THE CHIPS WERE DOWN...
BUT SHE'S BEEN THROUGH COUNTLESS BATTLES WITH US SINCE THEN.
STUNNED
DAIREN-JI, CALL BACK YOUR PAPER FAMIL-IARS.
WE'LL HAVE THEM AND HOKUTO WORK IN TANDEM TO KEEP THIS GUY BUSY.
NATSUME IS GROWING TOO.
JUST LOOK AT HER TAKE CONTROL...
KURA-HASHI, YOU SUMMON HAKUO AND KOKUFU AS WELL!
IF WE CAN DISTRACT HIM EVEN A LITTLE, IT WILL BUY US SOME TIME.
...OH, GOOD HEAVENS.
WE CAN DO THIS!
EVEN DOMAN IS SURPRISED AT HOW--
WHAT A DISAP-POINT-MENT.

SUCH A MAGNIFICENT DRAGON...
BUT YOU'RE PRACTICALLY LETTING IT RUN WILD.
NATSUME! DEMATER-IALIZE HOKUTO!
...OH, IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME.
BIND IT.
?!
SNAP
OOZE
HO-KU-TO?!
WHUMPH

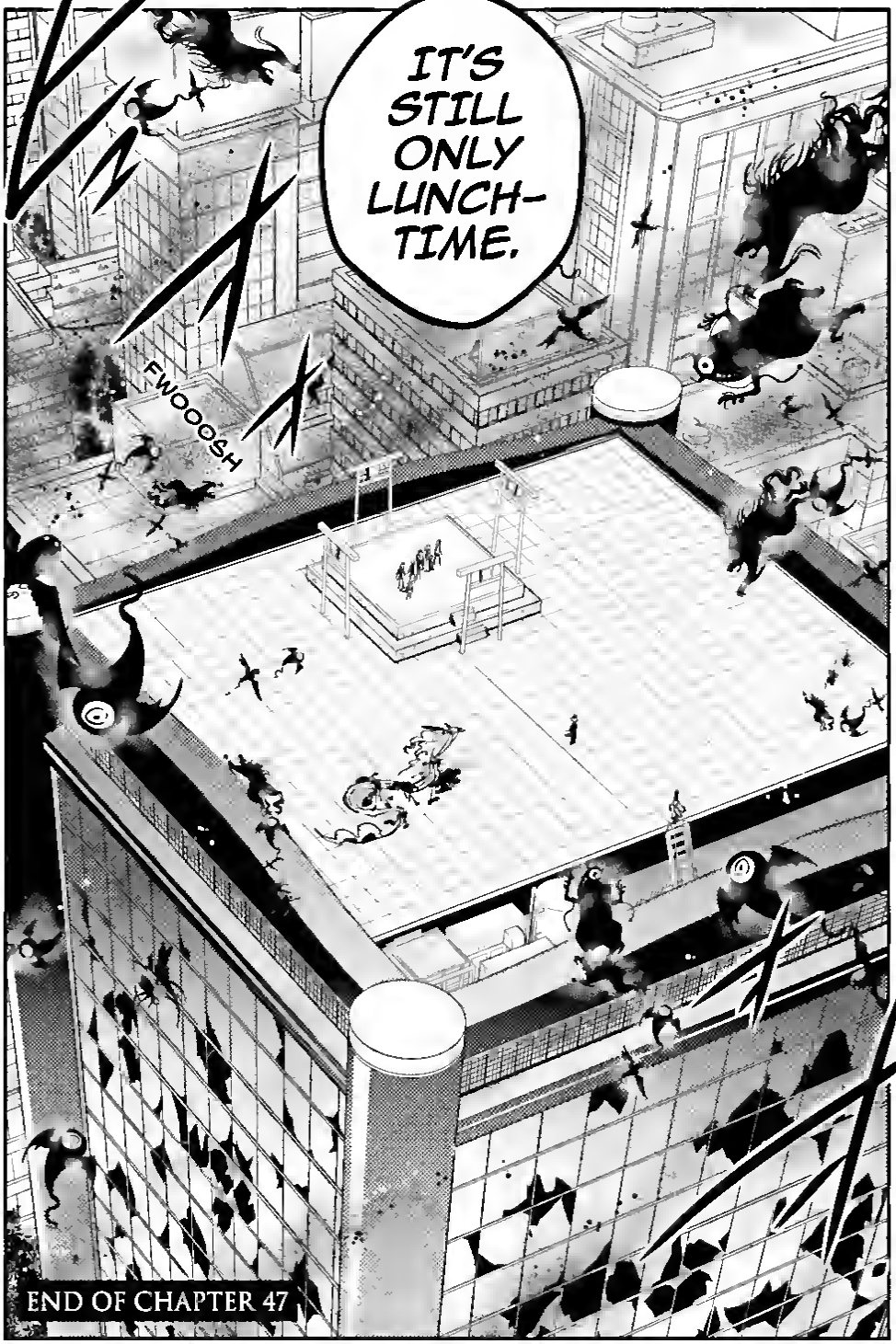
HE'S BEING FORCE-FULLY BOUND TO THIS WORLD!
AT THIS RATE...
IT CAN'T BE!!
I CAN'T CANCEL THE MATERAL-IZATION!
TWIST
TWIST
TWIST
BIND HIM, O BIND HIM, VAJRA KUMARA.
AUM-BISHI-BISHI KARA KARA SHIBARI SVAHA!
FWAP

TWIST
HO HO! ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?
FWIP
CLAMP
WHOOPS!

ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT ME TO TAKE THIS FAMILIAR FOR MY OWN?
YANK
WHAT ...?
HO-KU-TO...
STAGGER
PLOP
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING
TSK
SO WE CAN'T...
...HANDLE HIM...
...AFTER ALL?!
THERE'S NO HOPE LEFT...
WHY, MASTER DOMA!
YOU'RE FAR TOO OLD...
TO BE TAKING CHILDREN'S THINGS.
CLANK
CLANK
HO!

FWOOSH
CLANK
CLANK
CLANK
PHEW...
MUTTER
I WISH WE COULD HAVE DONE THIS SOMEWHERE WITH FEWER STAIRS.
MUTTER
CLANK
MUTTER
I'VE GOT A FAKE LEG OVER HERE.
MUTTER
CLANK

FWOOSH
KNOCK
FWIP
YEESH...
TO BE HONEST, I'D LIKE NOTHING BETTER THAN TO GO HOME RIGHT NOW.
UPSY-DAISY
MADAM PRINCI-PAL...
IS IT SAFE TO ASSUME YOU'LL BE PAYING ME OVERTIME FOR THIS ONE?
SMILE
...MR. OTOMO?


IT'S STILL ONLY LUNCH-TIME.
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FWOOOOSH
PHEW...
CLAK

M-MR. OTOMO!
WHOOOSH
I BET I IT WAS SUNNY OUT, WE COULD SEE ALL THE WAY TO MT. FUJI.
WHAT A NICE VIEW WE'VE GOT HERE...
HEY THERE, HARUTORA.
SORRY I'M LATE.

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INSTRUCTOR

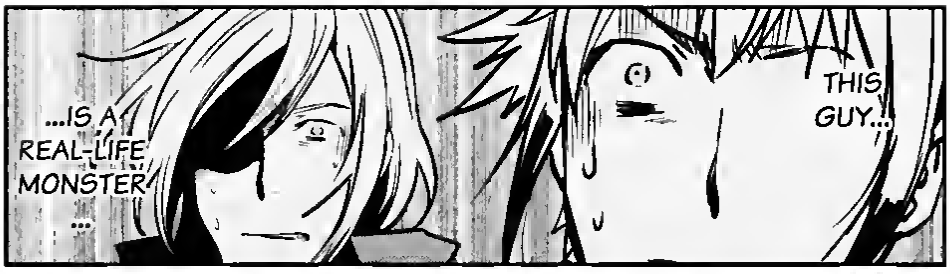
FWOOSH
KARGH
KARGH
NOD
Fine, do what you want with me!
Dammit!
SPLAT
HEH

SWIP
CLACK
MASTER DOMA...
WHAT AN AN HONOR IT IS TO SEE YOU AGAIN.
THESE TWO KNOW EACH OTHER?
HUH?!
YES.
I REMEMBER YOU VERY WELL.

FWOOSH
I SUPPOSE YOU MEAN THAT INCIDENT WITH THE MAGIC INVESTIGATORS LAST AUTUMN?
SORRY ABOUT MAKING YOU CLEAN UP AFTER THAT LITTLE PRANK OF MINE.
HO HO!
I'M SORRY YOU HAD TO SEE SUCH AN EMBARRASSING PIECE OF WORK.
THEN THAT FAKE KAKUGYOKI WAS INDEED YOUR DOING, MASTER?
HMPH
HE IS SIMPLY AN ACQUAINTANCE I CAN'T SEEM TO SHAKE.
YOUR COMPANION FROM THAT DAY IS NOT WITH YOU?
THAT MAN COULDN'T HANDLE MUCH MORE THAN THAT.
KAGOH
KAGOH

I SEE.
HE MIGHT BE SPYING ON US FROM SOMEWHERE AS WE SPEAK.
BUT HE IS STILL A VERY CURIOUS INDIVIDUAL.
FWOOSH
THEN, UNLIKE YOU, HE HAS NO CONNEC-TION TO THE TWIN HORN SYNDICATE?
IS THAT ONE OF THOSE LEADING QUES-TIONS?
OH?
MY APOLO-GIES FOR CORRECTING YOU, MASTER, BUT I HEARD REPORTS THAT SOMEONE'S FAMILIAR WAS CAUSING TROUBLE AT THE ON-MYO AGENCY BUILDING AS WELL.
BUT IT IS TRUE THAT I'M THE ONE DOING A LITTLE BUSINESS WITH THEM.
AL-THOUGH I'M ACTING ALONE TODAY.
WHA?!
IT'S BEEN DECADES SINCE I'VE SEEN THIS MUCH ACTION.
THAT IS ALSO ME.

TH-THIS OLD MAN...
...IS SIMULTANEOUSLY ATTACKING BOTH ONMYO AGENCY AND ONMYO PREP...
...ALL BY HIMSELF?!


THIS GUY...
...IS A REAL-LIFE MONSTER
...

WHICH MEANS, OF COURSE...
AT THE MOMENT, I'M RATHER EXHAUSTED.
AND I'M NOT TOYING WITH YOU WHEN I SAY THAT.

FWOOSH
NOT TO MENTION I SENT MY MAIN DEFENSE FAMILIARS TO THE AGENCY.
THE "ODDS" ARE MUCH MORE IN YOUR FAVOR THAN WHEN WE LAST FOUGHT.
THOUGH I'M SURE YOU PICKED UP ON THAT WITHOUT ME TELLING YOU.
...PRO-VOKING HIM?
HUH? IS HE...
IS THIS GUY TRYING TO PROVOKE MR. OTOMO?
THAT DAY...

EVEN AT THE SACRIFICE OF ONE OF YOUR LEGS
YOU DEVOTED ALL YOUR STRENGTH TO RUNNING AWAY...
BEFORE THE BATTLE EVEN TRULY BEGAN.
BUT FROM THE WAY HE'S ACTING...
YOU WOULDN'T KNOW IT AT ALL.
WAIT... MR. OTOMO LOST HIS LEG TO DOMAN?!
...!!
MUTTER ..."PROPER ETIQUETTE."
HE'S LIKE A PRIEST PERFORMING HIS HOLY DUTIES.

YOU WOULD NOT HAVE MADE THAT CHOICE.
WITHOUT AN ADVANCED ABILITY TO MAKE, COOL-HEADED DECISIONS ON THE SPOT..
BUT NOT SIMPLY OUT OF FEAR.
...THANK YOU.
ESPECIALLY IN THE CASE OF A MAGE AS SKILLED AS YOUR-SELF.
I WON'T LET IT.
CLACK
NO...
BUT THAT ISN'T GOING TO HAPPEN THIS TIME.

THAT DAY...
THOUGH IT COST YOU A LEG, YOU KEPT YOUR CARDS HIDDEN.
WHOOOM
IN SHORT...
YOU MADE THAT DECISION BECAUSE YOU WISHED TO FACE ME IN A REMATCH. DID YOU NOT?
IN ORDER TO WIN THE NEXT BATTLE, YOU SACRIFICED YOUR OWN FLESH.
AM I RIGHT?
MASTER...

HMPH... WELL, NO MATTER.
AT THE VERY LEAST, YOU DID NOT DENY IT.
.....
I AM STILL BUT A YOUNG MAN.
FWOOSH
I SIMPLY DO WHAT I BELIEVE BEST AT THE TIME. THAT IS ALL.
IN THE CENTURIES SINCE I AWOKE IN THIS WORLD...
I HAVE GROWN BORED WITH MOST THINGS. NOT MUCH BRINGS ME JOY.
BUT...

TESTING MY MAGIC AGAINST OTHERS ALONE...
STILL DOES.
OR PERHAPS I SHOULD SAY THAT NOW "THAT" IS ALL THERE IS LEFT...
IN MY HEART.
FWIP
FORGIVE ME...
I DOUBT YOU WILL LEAVE YOUR FOLLOWERS BEHIND, BUT...
I PREFER AS MUCH ENTERTAINMENT AS POSSIBLE.
SHWIP
MASTER?
BREAK!
SHOOP
ANCIENT FORM, KNOW THY MASTER.

WHAT?! IT WENT RIGHT THROUGH THE BARRIER?!
MASTER HARUTORA!
WHOA?!
SWIP
PWOOF
I DID ASK YOU TO FORGIVE ME.
I FIGURE THESE FLEDGLINGS MIGHT GET BORED JUST WATCHING.
MASTER!
HE USED MY OWN MAGIC TO OVERWRITE THE BARRIER SPELL!
THIS...
A SHARD OF ALPHA'S EFFIGY?!

THE PARTY HAS BEGUN.
WAKE UP YAKO?!
YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING!
CALM DOWN!
REFORM THE CIRCLE!
THAT'S THE SPIRIT.
MAKE ALL THE NOISE YOU WANT, MY FRIENDS.
PLUS, IT WILL BE BORING FOR ME IF YOU DON'T TAKE THE FIGHT SERIOUSLY.
OH, I KNOW.
SINCE THE ALTAR IS HERE AS WELL...
WAKING UP YAKO COULD PROVE ENTERTAINING...
DON'T YOU THINK?
RARGH!
RARGH!

PLUS, IT WILL BE BORING FOR ME IF YOU DON'T TAKE THE FIGHT SERIOUSLY.
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MAKE ALL THE NOISE YOU WANT, MY FRIENDS.
SINCE THE ALTAR IS HERE AS WELL...
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DON'T YOU THINK?
RARGH!
RARGH!

THE PARTY HAS BEGUN.
WAKE UP YAKO?!
YOU GOTTA BE KID-DING!
CALM DOWN!
REFORM THE CIRCLE!

WOOSH
GRAND-MOTHER!
KYOKO! SUZUKA!
YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO!
I KNOW! HAKUO! KOKUFU!
I'M ALREADY CALLING BACK MY FAMIL-IARS, IDIOT!
HARU-TORA!
WAIT, TOJI! YOU SHOULDN'T MOVE YET!
...YEAH, I KNOW
SORRY, BUT I'M GONNA HAVE TO LAY OFF THE TRANS-FORMATIONS UNLESS IT'S ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.
SO...

TOJI?!
HE'S RIGHT. SINCE IT HAS COME TO THIS, WE HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE.
IF YOU GET A CHANCE, I WANT YOU TWO TO ESCAPE TOGETHER WITHOUT HESITATION.
HARUTORA, NATSUME!
NO, TO THE EXORCISM BUREAU.
THE NEXT TIME I RELEASE THE SEAL, I WANT YOU TO GET ON YUKI-KAZE AND ESCAPE TO THE ONMYO AGENCY...
FROM HERE, THE MEGURO BRANCH IS CLOSEST.
HAKKI! KOKURIN!
PRIN-CIPAL!
THE ONMYO AGENCY-BUILT "MODEL 62 GUARDIAN KINGS"...
WE'LL START WITH A LITTLE WARM-UP.
GOO
GSHH
THUD
WHOOM

HAVE AT HIM!
WHOOSH
BE-GONE!
WHUMP!!
SHACK!

HMPH!
FWAP
VWOOP
FWHD
FWHD
FWIP
FWOOSH
A CONCEALMENT SPELL...
AND A FORM OF WALKING VIA MAGIC!
WIND!
FWOOSH

OR-
DER!
FWIP
FWOOOM
WHOOMPH
FWAP
THERE YOU ARE!
HE HIT A METAL WIND WITH FIRE?
FIRE BEATS METAL!

WHOOM
M-
MR. OTO-MO!
SUZU-KA...
FLINCH
TMP TMP TMP
SHRP
STAY STILL.

FLICK
FWIP
HUH?!
SWIPE
WHOOOM

WHOOOM
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KID-DING!!
YOU BROKE THE SPELL?!
NO WAY! THERE'S NO FRIG-GIN' WAY!
DON'T TELL ME YOU PRIED IT OPEN?
YOU PRIED OPEN THE SEAL GENJI KURAHASHI PUT IN PLACE?!
Haha...
DON'T BE SILLY.
I SIMPLY OPENED UP A SLIGHT CRACK IN THE SEAL AND SLIPPED IN A FALSE MAGIC FAMILIAR.

A SPECIAL SEAL DESIGNED SO THAT EVEN I, ONE OF THE TWELVE DIVINE GENERALS, COULDN'T BREAK IT!
HE HACKED A SPELL?!
ON THE FLY?!
IT'S BASICALLY CHEATING.
AND IT'S IMPROVISED, SO IT WON'T LAST LONG
H-HEY!
WHAT ARE YOU?!
TURN
WHOOM
I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WANT TO BUY TIME, BUT...
IF THIS DRAGS ON FOR TOO LONG, I'M GOING TO LOSE INTEREST.
A FORMER MAGICAL INVESTIGATOR AND CURRENT INSTRUCTOR.

CRUNCH
WHOOOSH
!!
WHOMP
CLACK
KAI!
JIN!
ZAI!
ZEN!
RE-
TSU!
RIN!
BYO!
TOH!
SHA!

VREEEN
WHAP
WHAP
WHAP
WHAP
WHAP
WHAP
SHWIP
SHWIP
IT'S NOT OVER YET.

SHWIP
DO YOU KNOW HOW THE BUDDING BRACKEN ON THE FIELDS OF HIGASHIYAMA FEEL...
SHWIP
...OR HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?
SWAP
VWWWW
ZRT
ZRT
WHUMPH

OH, A SNAKE REPELLENT SPELL, EH?
PLOP
PLOP
WHOOOSH
...LISTEN, BOYS AND GIRLS.
FROM HERE ON OUT, I WON'T BE ABLE TO LOOK AFTER YOU.
YOU'LL HAVE TO WATCH YOUR OWN BACKS.
THE PRINCIPAL WILL GIVE THE ORDERS. SUZUKA WILL BE YOUR FORWARD.
SUPPORT EACH OTHER.

AND... DON'T GET DISTRACTED BY THE FAMILIARS.
THE REAL DANGER...
IS GETTING CAUGHT IN THE CROSSFIRE.
GULP
I...
...DON'T KNOW ANY-THING...
...ABOUT THE ONMYOJI...
...KNOWN AS JIN OTOMO!
OH...
AND NATSUME...
Y-YES, SIR?

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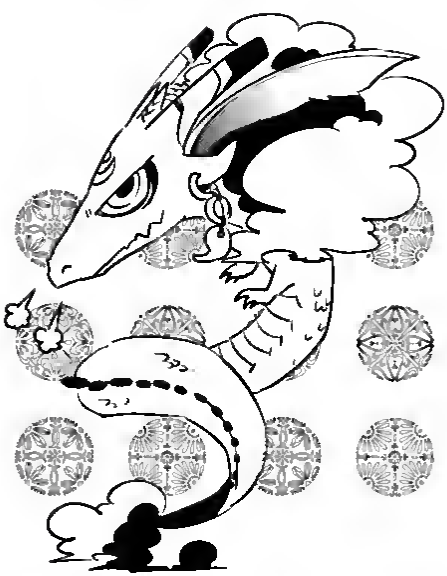

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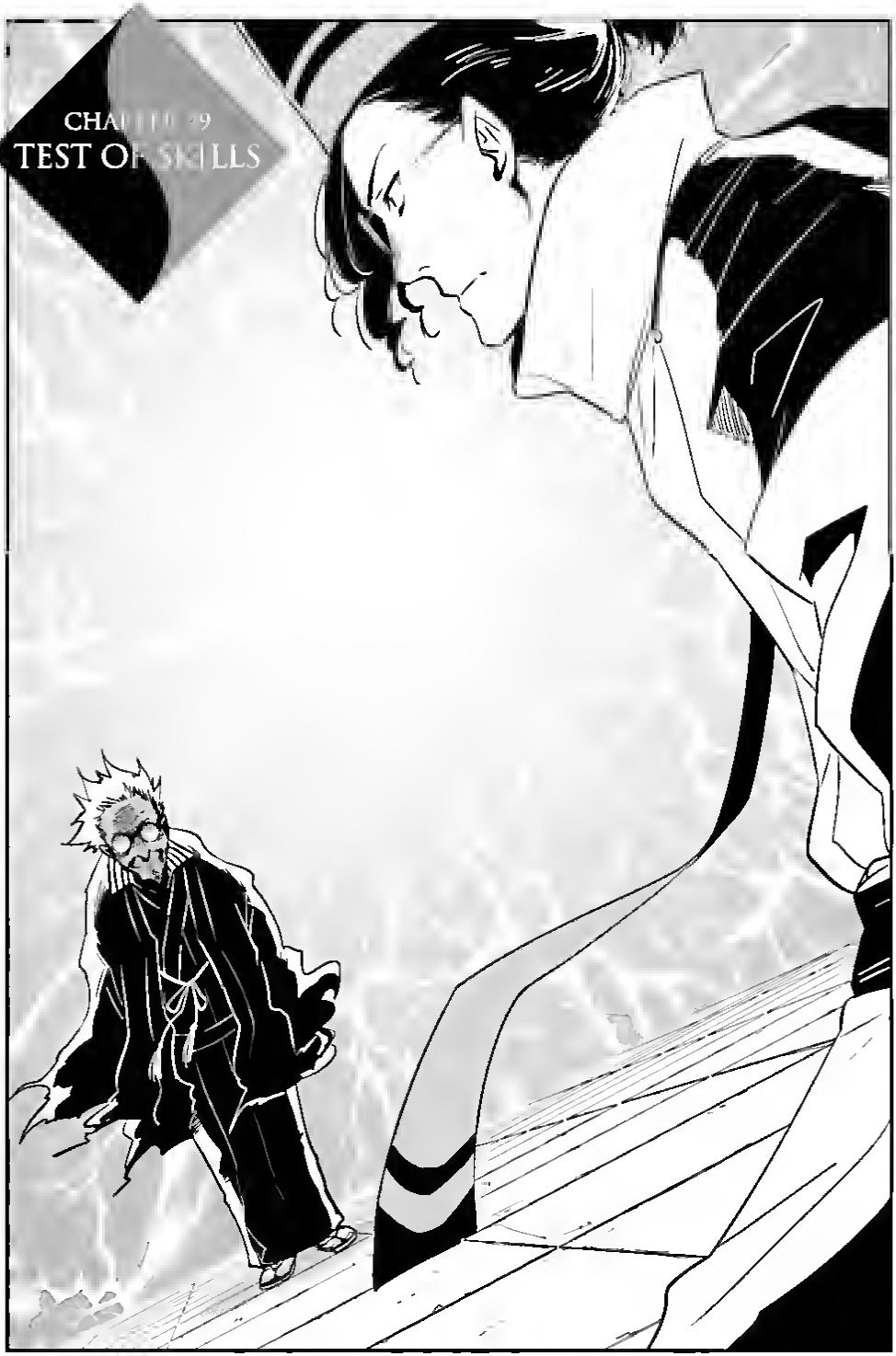
WE'RE GETTING BACK YOUR DRAGON.
WHISPER
I'LL CREATE AN OPENING FOR YOU, SO BE READY TO DEMATERIAL-IZE IT.
BUT BE CAREFUL WHEN BRINGING IT BACK TO BATTLE.
WHISPER
YOUR LIMIT IS FAST AP-PROACHING.
AND AS YOUR LIMIT APPROACH-ES, YOU WILL MAKE MORE MIS-TAKES
CLACK
ALL RIGHT.

HOW ABOUT YOU ATTACK THIS TIME?
IN THAT CASE...
FLUTTER
DANCE OF THE FIVE CHANGING ELEMENTAL TALISMANS!
ORDER!!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TEST OF SKILLS

SHING!
FWIP
FWIP
THE METAL TALISMANS TURNED INTO SWORDS?!
THOSE AREN'T ON-MYO AGENCY TALISMANS!
I'VE NEVER SEEN TALIS-MANS DO THAT BEFORE!
FWIP
ZOOM

FWIP
FWIP
FWIP
KLANG
WOOM
DRRR
WHOA! WATER?!
BOOM

OH?
BA-DOOM
BA-DOOM
FWUMPH
FWIP
FWIP
SPROUT
SPROUT
SPROUT
SPROUT
GROOOOW
GROOOOW

FWOOSH
FWIP
FWIP
FWOOSH
!!
HAKKI! KOKURIN! BE OUR SHIELD!
WHUMP
WHUMP

HO HO, YOU KNOW YOUR STUFF.
IN THAT CASE...
FWIP
WOOD
BEGETS
BEGETS
BEATS
WATER
BEATS
FIRE
BEATS
BEATS
BEGETS
BEGE
BEATS
METAL
BEGETS
EARTH
THE CYCLE OF THE FIVE ELE-MENTS!
DRIP
P...
WHOOMPH

BOOM
WHOOOSH!
SEAL OFF THIS BLACK DEMON WATER.
FWIP
AND THROUGH THE OPPOSITE PROCESS, WATER PUTS OUT FIRE!!
STEAM FROM A WIND CONTAINING METAL...
METAL BEGETS WATER
THEY RETURN EACH OTHER'S SPELLS LIKE TWO SINGERS IN A DUET!
FWOOSH

EARTH BEATS WATER!
WHOOMPH
ORDER!
RMB
RMB
RMB
DAMN!
GRAB
VREEEN
OH CRAP! I'LL PUT UP A SIMPLE BARRIER!
YOU MO-RON!
MR. OTO-MO?!
HMM?
SWOOSH

WHY DID YOU RETAIN A SINGLE TALISMAN?
FWIP
ORDER!
FWAP!!
KRAKK
KRAKK...!!
EH?!

Huh?!
KRASH
Hoooouh?!
WHOOOSH
KLATTER
HOKU-TO!
RETURN!
NATSU-ME!
WHOOM
SHWIP

FWOOOSH
YEO-UCH...
I WISH THEY'D SPARE ME ALL THIS DRAMA.
ALL RIGHT! I GOT HIM BACK!
RMB
RMB
RMB
RMB
MUTTER
MY USUAL SPECIALTY IS..
SHP
MUTTER
DEALING WITH LIES, BLUFFS, AND OTHER SMALL TRICKS...
MUTTER
FWUMPH
YOU'RE CERTAINLY A SNEAKY YOUNG DEVIL, I'LL GIVE YOU THAT.
NEXT, WHAT SHALL--
TWITCH
...WHAT?

A REPORT FROM YOUR FAMILIARS?
AS I TOLD YOU MANY TIME BEFORE...
IT IS NOT HERE.
YOU WERE TELLING THE TRUTH?
WELL, THAT'S A SHOCK.
IT REALLY ISN'T HERE...
YOU SAY?
"IT"?
...HEH.
WELL, NO MATTER.
URK!
...IS BOTH FUTILE AND POINTLESS.
WHAT YOU ARE DOING, MASTER...

MAS-
TER?!
NOW, LET'S SEE...
NOW, I CAN FOCUS ON THE SITUATION "HERE."
THEN, I WILL HAVE NO TROUBLE OUT OF YOU IN THE FUTURE EITHER.
FWIP
FWISH
HMM?!
A DECOY, EH? HO HO! YOU THINK OF EVERY-THING!
WHERE ARE YOU...?
FWIP

WHOOM
THERE!
WHUMP
WHUMP
CA-CLACK
A SHREDDED TALISMAN?
SHWIP

AUM MARICI SVAHA.
PUFF
A CONCEALMENT SPELL ON A TALISMAN?
YOU SURE LOVE YOUR LITTLE TRICKS!
IN THAT CASE, I'LL USE A BIG ONE!
VWANG
BA-DUMP
N...
NO, IT CAN'T BE!
A-ARE THOSE REAL?!
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING

THE GUARDS OF HELL...
GOZUKI AND MEZUKI?!
BOOM
OH, DON'T PANIC
DIDN'T I TELL YOU?
I SENT MY MAIN FAMILIARS TO THE AGENCY.
THESE ARE MERE SHADOWS
ALTHOUGH BY YOUR STANDARDS...
I SUPPOSE THEY WOULD BE CLOSER TO FOURS THAN THREES?
SCHREE
WHUM
PHASE FOURS?!
FWOOSH
THEY'RE CAUSING A CHAIN REACTION OF SPIRITUAL DISASTERS...
BLROT

A DEMON PARADE!!
FWOOOOSH
O-OH MAN, THIS IS BAD!!
WHUMP
WE'VE GOTTA SEAL OFF THE MIASMA OR WE'LL BE SWAL-LOWED BY IT!
FLUTTER
DAMN!
WHUMP
SO? NOW WHAT?
WHOOSH

BA-DOOM
FWIP
FLUTTER
FLUTTER
FLUTTER
GOD OF THE EASTERN SEA, NAME OF AMEI.
GOD OF THE WESTERN SEA, NAME OF SHUKURYO.
GOD OF THE SOUTHERN SEA, NAME OF KYOJO.
GOD OF THE NORTHERN SEA, NAME OF GUKYO.
CLASP

O FOUR GREAT GODS, REPEL THE DEMONS AND AVERT THIS CRISIS!
OR-DER!
FLASH
YAARGH!!
A SECRET SPELL TO AVERT A DEMON PARADE?!
PSHHHH
FWIP
THUNK

WHAT? A STONE WRAPPED IN BAMBOO LEAVES?
NO... IT CAN'T BE...
BUT... WHERE IS THE NET?
FWIP
RUSTLE
FWISH
FLUTTER
FLUTTER

WHUMP
WHUMP
WHUMP
THE SHREDS OF THE TALISMAN HE MADE INVISIBLE?!
BADUMP
BADUMP
AS THESE LEAVES WITHER...
MAY YOU GROW AND WITHER, AS THESE LEAVES WITHER!
AND AS THIS STONE SINKS, GROVEL BEFORE ME, AS THIS STONE SINKS!
AS THIS SALT FLOWS, MAY YOU EBB AND FLOW, AS THIS SALT FLOWS!

RMB
RMB
RMB
RMB
...!!
BA-
DOOM
VZZZZZT
A CAGE?!

A CAGE?!
DOOM

BA-
RMB
RMB
RMB
...!!
RMB

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
IMAGINE MY SURPRISE!
RUMBLE
WHA?! HE'S ALIVE?!
?!
THE NET QUELLING CURSE!
RMB
A SPELL THIS ANCIENT DOESN'T EVEN APPEAR IN THE IMPERIAL RECORDS!
AND NOT ONLY DID YOU CONCEAL IT WITH YOUR OWN TWIST, YOU EVEN INCREASED ITS STRENGTH!
RMB

BWAHA HAHAHA!
EXCELLENT!
RMB
WELL, I HEAR THAT IF I CAN GET RID OF YOUR CHARM IT'LL DIS-APPEAR..
RMB
RMB
RMB
RMB
BUT THERE'S NO WAY TO COUNTER THIS MAGIC CAGE IF I CAN'T REACH THAT CHARM!
EVEN I DON'T KNOW HOW TO "COUNTER" THIS SPELL!
YOU'RE BE-YOND EVEN MY WILDEST EXPECTA-TIONS!
RMB
SKREEK
I KNOW IT'S RATHER UN-REFINED, BUT I'M GOING TO DO THIS WITH BRUTE FORCE!
RMB
RMB
RMB
I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO PULL OUT ALL THE STOPS AS WELL!
HEHEHE-HEHEH! WHAT A FLASHY SPELL!

KREEEEK
RMB
RMB
HEY!
A-ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!
RMB
RMB
KREEEEK
RMB
RMB
THAT CAGE.. IS GONNA BLOW!!
FWOOOSH
THE SPIRIT PRES-SURE INSIDE IS SKY-ROCK-ETING!!
KREEEEK
RMB
HUH?
IT SENDS SHIVERS UP MY SPINE.
I'M TREM-BLING...

SOME-
THING IS
SWELLING
INSIDE ME.
WHAT IS
THIS I
FEEL?
I'M SCARED.
I'M TERRI-
FIED, BUT...
MORE
THAN
THAT...
SOMETHING
DEEP IN-
SIDE ME IS
QUIVERING
MY BLOOD
BOILS
NOTHING
ELSE MAKES
ME FEEL
THIS WAY.
THIS...
...IS
MAGIC.

MAGIC AT ITS HEIGHT.
THIS...
...IS THE WORLD OF MAGIC.
...VAM!
HUM!
TRAH!
HRIH!
VREE
AH!
EEN

THIS...
...IS THE WORLD OF MAGIC.

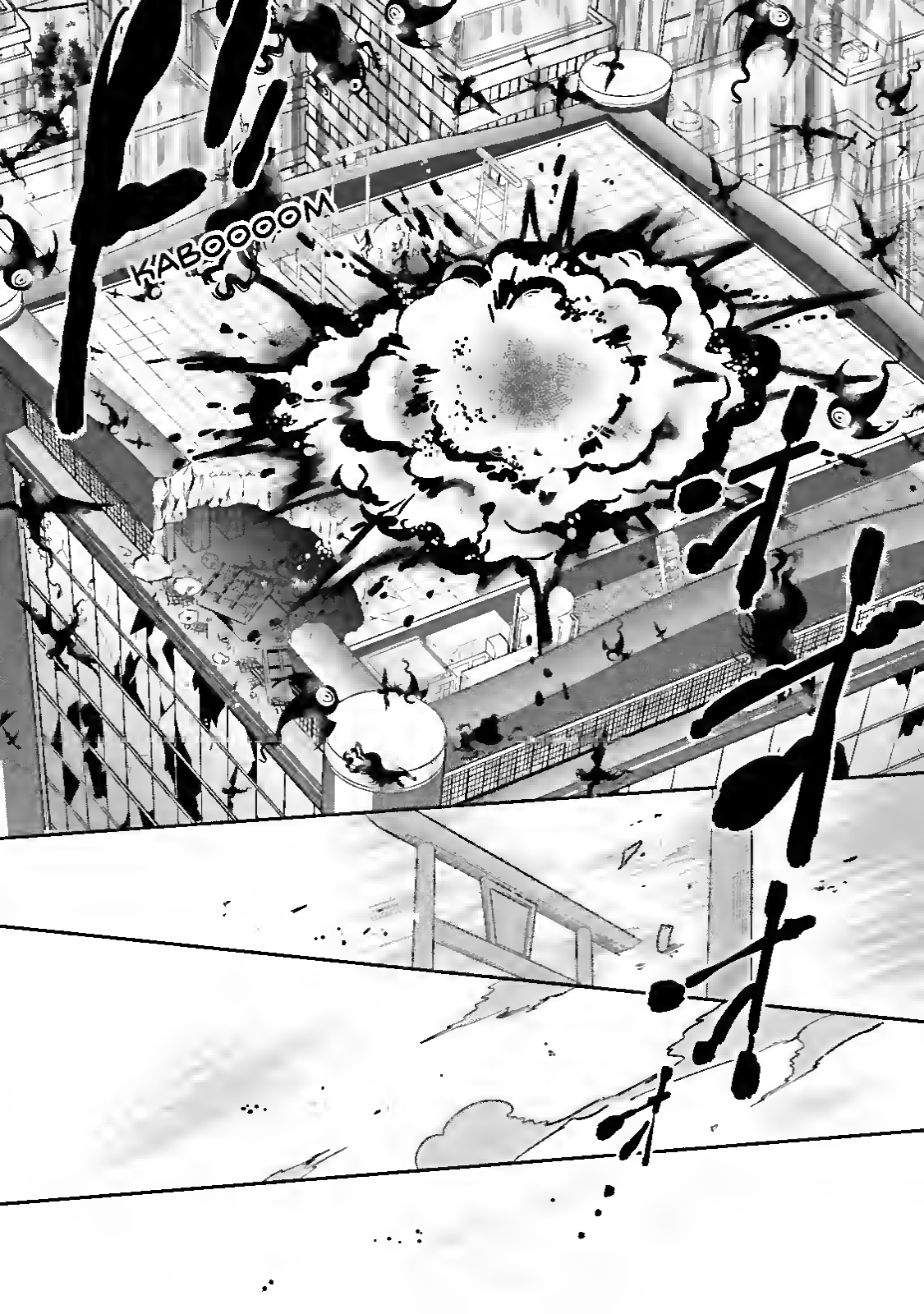
MAGIC AT ITS HEIGHT.
HRIH!
AH!
VREE
...VAM!
HUM!
TRAH!
EEN

VREEN
FWOOOSH
MR. OTO-MO!
.....
WHOOM
WHAM
COUNT-ER!

IT'S GOING TO BREECH THE BARRIER!
RUN FOR IT, MR. OTOMO!
BA-DOOM
CLACK
ZZZT ZZT
WOOM
FWIP
ANTARI WON, SOKUMETSU SOKU, BIRARIYA BIRARI
SOKUMETSU MEI, ZANZANKI MEI, SANKI SEI
WHA?!
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DEFEND YOURSELF OR GET OUT OF THE WAY?!

ZANDARI HIWON, SHI-KANSHIKI JIN, ATARAUN, WONZESO, ZANZAN BI-RARI
AUN, ZETSUMEI, SOKUZE-TSU
FSHHHHH
FWOOSH
UN, ZANZAN-DARI, ZAN-DARIHAN!
A KAMIKAZE ATTACK?!
CLAP

BAM
WHOOOOM
CRUNCH


KABOOOOM

WHOOSH

WHO WON?!
END OF CHAPTER 49

TOKYO RAVENS

WHO WON?!
SLUMP
EEK!
...!!

CHAPTER 50
HIGHER
KNOWLEDGE

HIS HAIR CHANGED IN AN INSTANT!
SLIP
YES...
I SUS-PECTED AS MUCH.
BUT THIS PROVES IT.
YOU ARE NOT HUMAN.
YOU ARE A WRATHFUL SPIRIT.
FWOOOOSH
HO!
WHEEZE
FLOP

HO! WHAT A CAREFREE FELLOW YOU ARE.
A MAN AFTER MY OWN HEART!
YOU WENT AHEAD WITH SUCH A RECKLESS PLAN...
IN ORDER TO CONFIRM THAT?
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
SINCE I FOUGHT YAKO.
I HAVEN'T FELT LIKE THIS...
IT IS KIND OF YOU TO CALL ME A "SPIRIT," BUT...
I AM NOTHING MORE THAN THE PRODUCT OF AN OUT-SIDE FAITH.
GRIND
.....
...GH!
EEK!
URP!
SAY...
SON...
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
WOBBLE
WHEEZE
I MAY LOOK SIMILAR..
BUT I AM NOT LIKE HIM

...JIN OTOMO.
EXCELLENT.
YOU, ON-MYOJI JIN OTOMO.
HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN ME ON THIS SIDE?
WHEEZE
RATHER THAN SIMPLY PEEKING INTO THE BEAUTIFUL DEPTHS OF MAGIC
THROWING YOURSELF IN BODILY
..IS NOTHING LESS THAN SUBLIME.
IT IS AN ECSTASY GREATER THAN ALL OTHERS.
FWAP
I ABSOLUTELY REFUSE.

DOMAN ASHIYA! JIN OTOMO HAS NOT FALLEN SO LOW AS TO SPILL HIS SECRETS...
...OR BE SWAYED BY THE SWEET TALK OF A CRUSTY OLD MAN..
...WHO CANNOT EVEN KEEP HIS MOUTH SHUT!
AS RUDE AS IT MAY BE TO SAY SO...
YOU HAVE GONE TOO FAR IN YOUR UNDERESTIMATION OF ME!
HEH!
HA!
HA!
HA!
FLOP
FLOP
FLOP
...!!
WHAT ARROGANCE!
THEN, I WILL NOT LET YOU GET AWAY WITH THIS, JIN OTOMO!
BEHOLD!
AS I TEACH YOU YOUR PLACE!

WOOOSH
HA!
FLUTTER
FLUTTER
OH!
SWALLOW WHIPS?!
CHEEP
YOU INSO-LENT FOOL!

GRIN
US AVERAGE JOES HAVE OUR OWN WAYS OF DOING THINGS.
RELYING ON BRAND NAME PRODUCTS IS JUST ONE OF THEM.
OH, NOT AT ALL, MY DEAR GEEZER.
UNLIKE LEGENDARY GENIUSES LIKE YOURSELF.
WHOOSH
YOU RESORT NOW TO THOSE OVER-THE-COUNTER PRODUCTS?!
ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE A MOCKERY OF THIS CONTEST?!
WHOOSH
...TO TAKE PART IN THIS LITTLE CONTEST OF YOURS IN THE FIRST PLACE.
PLUS, I DON'T BELIEVE I EVER AGREED...
FEATHERS...
FLUTTER

FLUTTER
FWISH
FWISH
KREE
...WHAT ARE YOU UP TO NOW?
DIDN'T I TELL YOU?
"I SUSPECTED AS MUCH."

ALTHOUGH... THERE WAS SO LITTLE TIME AFTER WE GOT WARNING OF YOUR ATTACK...
...THAT I WAS SWEATING BULLETS FOR A MOMENT THERE.
I HAVE WAYS OF FIGHTING BACK.
ACTING UNDER THE ASSUMPTION THAT MY OPPONENT IS A KNOCK-OFF SPIRITUAL DISASTER...
HUH?
CRACKLE
GASP
FWOOM
!
...HUH? WHAT'S THAT?
M-MASTER HARUTORA! SOMETHING IS HAPPENING ACROSS THE WAY!
WAIT! OVER HERE TOO!
BONFIRES?

ON THE BUILDINGS SURROUNDING THE SCHOOL...
FIVE IN TOTAL...
!!
GASP
YOU DIDN'T?!
...YES.
I KNOW IT WAS UNDER-HANDED OF ME, BUT...
FWOOM
I SET YOU UP.

AUM HRIH SHTRIH VIKRITA-DANA HUM.
SARVA SHATRU DASHAYA SATANBYA SATAN-BYA SWA-TA SWATA SVAHA...
FWOOOSH
FWOOOOM
...AUM SHTRIH KALA-RUPA HUM KHAM SVAHA...
CRACKLE
AUM HRIH SHTRIH VIKRITA-DANA HUM.
SARVA SHATRU DASHAYA SATANBYA SATANBYA SWATA SWATA SVAHA..
..AUM SHTRIH KALA-RUPA HUM KHAM SVAHA...
VREEEEEEE

AN INCANTATION FROM ESOTERIC BUDDHISM...
AN ENTREATY TO YAMANTAKA TO CURSE YOUR ENEMY...
VREEEEEEE
ESOTERIC MAGIC!!
FLASH
HE MARKED HIS TARGETS WITH THOSE FEATHERS...
FWOOM
TRUE! I WAS NOT EXPECTING THIS!

FWIP
THERE ARE DISTORTIONS IN THE CONVERGENCE OF THE INCANTATIONS!
IT WON'T BE ENOUGH TO EXORCISE ME!
BUT! IT STILL ISN'T ENOUGH!!
THIS SPELL WAS RUSHED!
SPIN
FWOOOSH
AUM AH HUM!
DASH

BA-
DUM
WHAP
WHAP
WHAP
WHAP
WHAP
WHAP
WHA
?!

WOOSH
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
MR. OTO-MO?!
VREEEEN
HO-KU-TO!!
WOOSH

Dammit!!
GLINT
CHOMP
WHOOOOSH
THUD
SKREEE
SCREEEECH
WHAM

PLOP
FWOOSH
MR. OTO-MO!
THANK GOOD-NESS...
YEESH...
THIS GUY'S NUTS!
STAGGER...
Ahhh, I'm beat...
I TOLD YOU...
IT'S NOT ENOUGH...

WOBBLE
WHY DID YOU DROP ME OFF A BUILDING?
YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE SHOULD HAVE PROVEN TO YOU THAT THAT KIND OF ATTACK IS FUTILE AGAINST ME...
PAT
RARGH!
You jerk! I'll kill you!!!
poy for what you did to me!

STAGGER
OH, I SEE.
YOU DREW ME AWAY TO PROTECT YOUR STUDENTS
WHEEZE
IT APPEARS TO ME YOU HAVE FINALLY RUN OUT OF TRICKS.
AND YOU WERE SO CLOSE.
HOW TRULY REGRETFUL.
YOU WERE ABLE TO FIGHT ME INTO A CORNER...
WHEEZE
BUT YOU END NOT AS A SORCERER, BUT A MERE TEACHER.
OH, FEAR NOT.
AS I'M SURE YOU ARE AWARE, I WAS FORMERLY A MAGICAL INVESTIGATOR.
FIGHTING OTHER HUMANS IS ONE THING..
BUT, TO BE HONEST, I CAN'T STAND FIGHTING SPIRITUAL DISASTERS.
VRRRRM

I ALWAYS HEAR THAT ONE SHOULD LEAVE THINGS TO THE PROFESSIONALS...
AND, WELL...
I DO HAVE ONE OTHER ACE IN THE HOLE.
HAVE A TASTE.
VRRRRM
GASP
VRRRRM
VRRRRM
VRRRRM

O GREAT TENGU, O MINOR TENGU, O 12 TENGU, O UMANA TENGU, ALL THE THOUSANDS OF TENGU.
VRRRRRM
FIRST THE GREAT TENGU! TOROBO OF MT. ATAGO, JIROBO OF MT. HIRA!
SOJOBO OF MT. KURAMA, HOJOBO OF MT. HIEI, KAKUKAIBO OF YOKAWA, DARANIBO OF MT. FUJI!
TOKOBO OF MT. NIKKO, KONKOBO OF MT. HAGURO, NIKKOBO OF MT. MYOGI!

TSUKUBA-HOIN OF HITACHI, BUSENBO OF MT. HIKO, YOSHIKENBO WHO DWELLS IN OHARA...
VWOOM
...THEY NUMBER IN TOTAL 125,500. WHEN THE TEN-GU HORDES DESCEND, THE DEMONS WILL BE EXORCISED, AND PEACE WILL REIGN OVER THE LANDS.
ZENJIRO KOGURE OF THE 12 DIVINE GENERALS.
VRRRRRM
OR AS HE IS ALSO KNOWN...

SLASH
"THE SWORD OF HIGHER KNOWL-EDGE"!!
WITH THIS SPELL, VANQUISH MINE ENEMY!
AUM AROMA-YA TENGU SMANHI SVAHA!
AUM AROMA-YA TENGU SMANHI SVAHA!

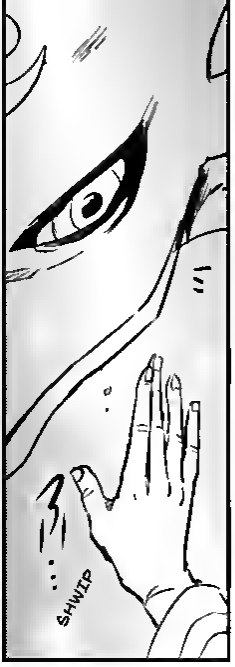
WITH THIS SPELL, VANQUISH MINE ENEMY!
AUM AROMA- YA TENGU SMANHI SVAHA!
AUM AROMA- YA TENGU SMANHI SVAHA!

SLASH
"THE SWORD OF HIGHER KNOWL-EDGE"!!

WHOOOOOOSH
CRUNCH
FSHHHHH
THIS IS THE END FOR YOU, DOMAN ASHIYA.
WHOOSH

SHHHHHHH
あの…
あいつに
かみつきたいん
だけど…
Um... I'd like to sink my teeth into that guy if it's all right with you...
...INDEED...
YOU...
...WIN...
NOD

FWIP


SHWIP

IF YOU WILL ACCEPT MAGIC-INDUCED RESTRAINTS, WE WILL TREAT YOUR WOUNDS IMMEDIATELY.
AS YOU HAVE ALREADY ADMITTED DEFEAT, WE EXPECT YOU TO COME ALONG QUIETLY.
YOUR SPIRITUAL SAFETY WILL BE GUARANTEED.

...DOMAN ASHIYA.
WE HAVE MANY QUESTIONS FOR YOU.

.....
YES... YOU ARE RIGHT...
THE VICTORS
DESERVE
ANSWERS
KA-FLASH
SHINE
!

WHUMP
SHHS
BOOM
VWOOM!!
WHAM
!!

WHUMP
SHHS
BOOM
VWOOM!!
WHAM

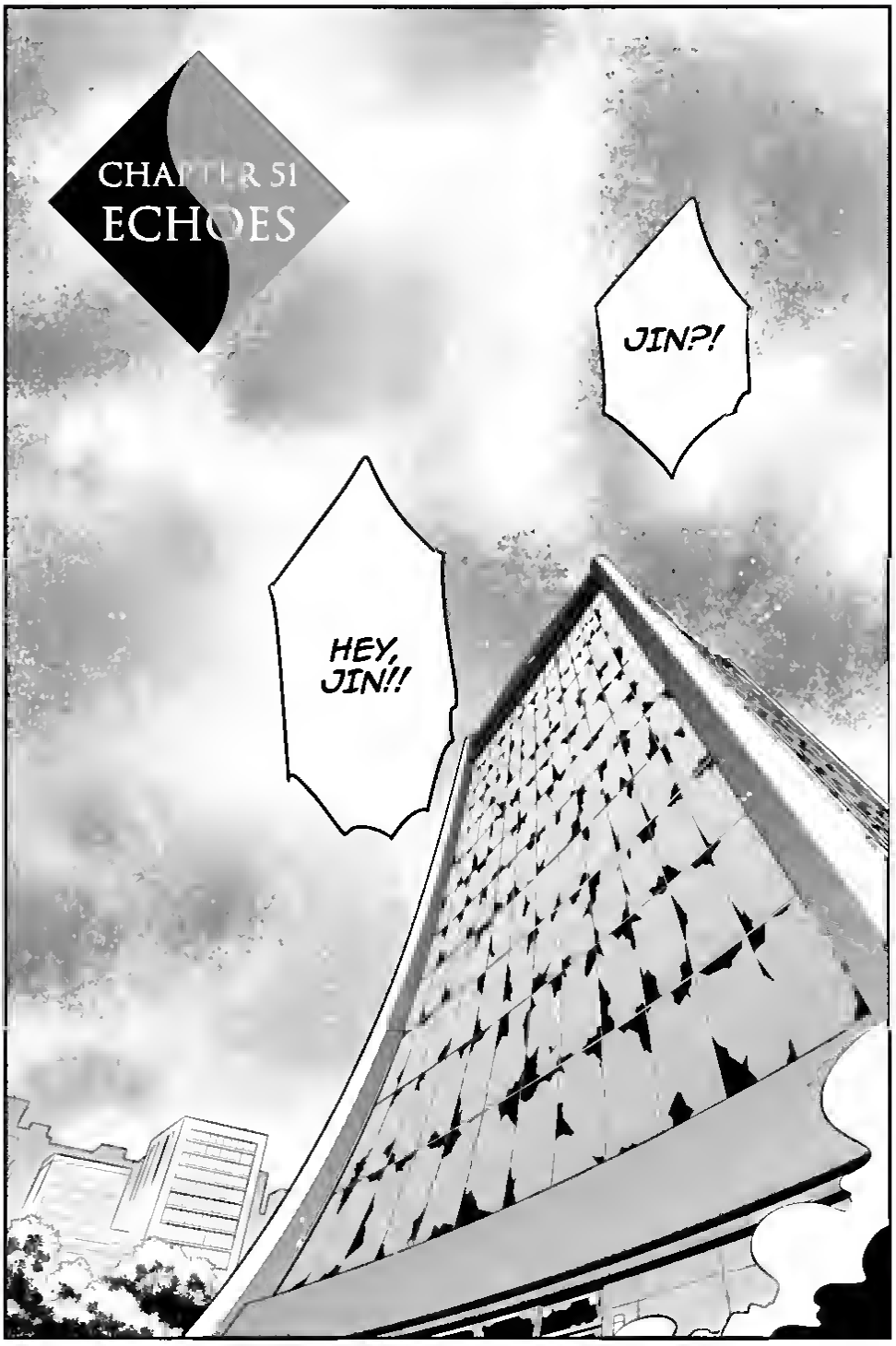
SHHHH
?!
WHA
?!
WHUMP
THAT'S... THAT'S RIDICU-LOUS!
WHAT IN THE HELL...
...JUST HAPPENED?!
END OF CHAPTER 50

TOKYO RAVENS

THE VICTORS...
DESERVE...
ANSWERS...
FROM THE WAY HE WAS ACTING, IT WAS CLEAR THIS WASN'T SUICIDE.
SHHHHHHH
DOMAN ASHIYA...
...WAS MURDERED BY SOMEONE?!

DON'T TELL ME...
WHO DID THIS...?
AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE?
WOBBLE

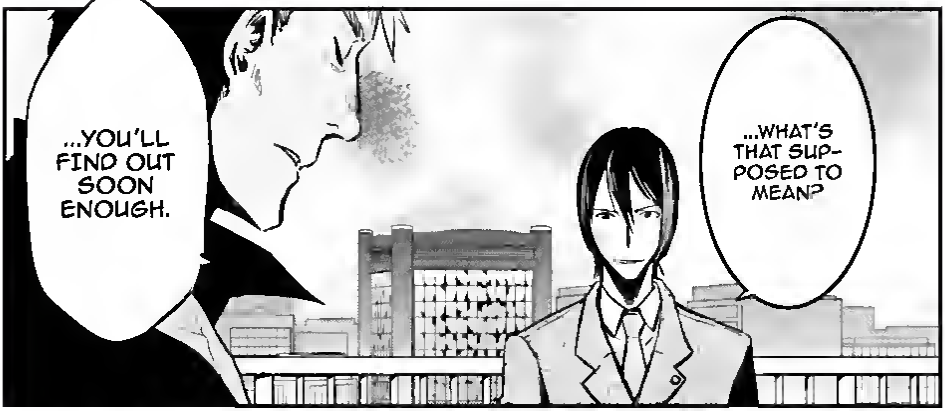
!
FLOP

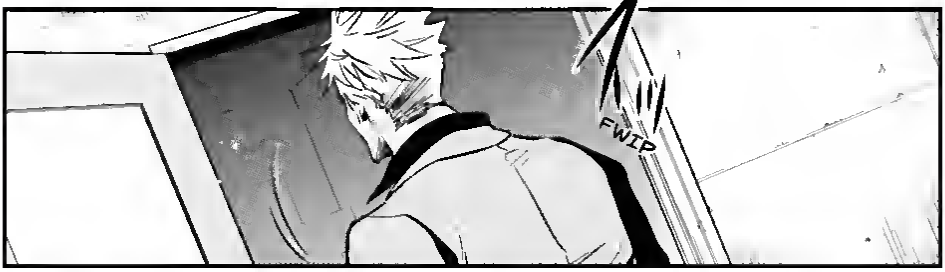

CHAPTER 51
ECHOES
JIN?!
HEY, JIN!!

CLACK
DETONATION CODE
PASS
****
COMPLETE
SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT I HAD IMAGINED.
THINGS HAVE TURNED OUT...
FWEEN
END VISION AUGMENTATION SPELL.
THE MAGICAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION LOST A GREAT MAN THE DAY WE LET YOU GO...
YOU AMAZE ME YET AGAIN, JIN OTOMO.
I HAD NO IDEA "SHADOW" COULD PERFORM THAT KIND OF MAGIC.

BUT IT WAS A VERY LUCKY TURN OF EVENTS FOR ME.
THEY SAY THAT CURSES, LIKE CHICKENS, COME HOME TO ROOST...
SO SINCE YOU FORCED ME TO ASSIST IN BREAKING THE BARRIER...
...SURELY YOU WON'T BEGRUDGE ME FOR THIS, WILL YOU?
MASTER.
...YOU KILL 'IM?

FWIP
FWAP
THE SPELL WAS DE-STROYED?!
WAS IT A THICK MIASMA? NO...
ME AND THAT OLD MAN WENT WAY BACK, TOO...
WHO KNOWS WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN NEXT TIME?
OGRE SPIRIT!

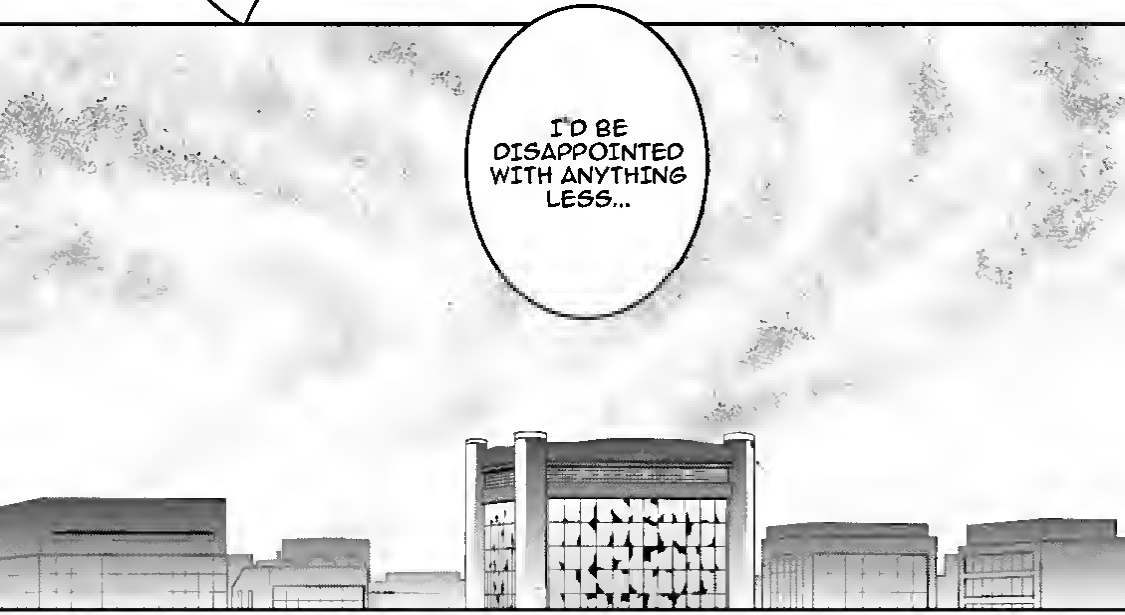

...YOU'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH.
...WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

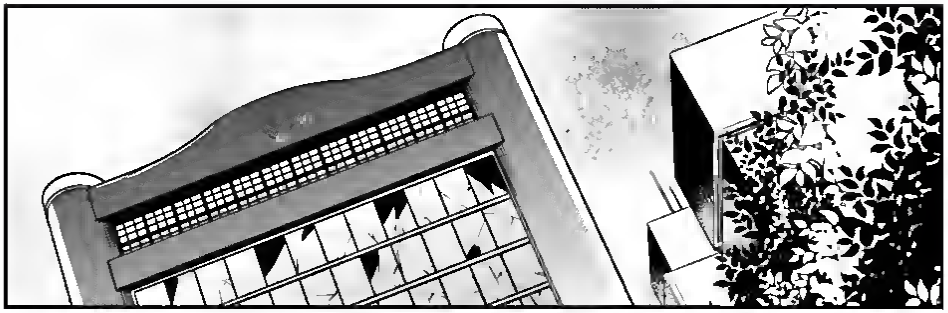

FWIP

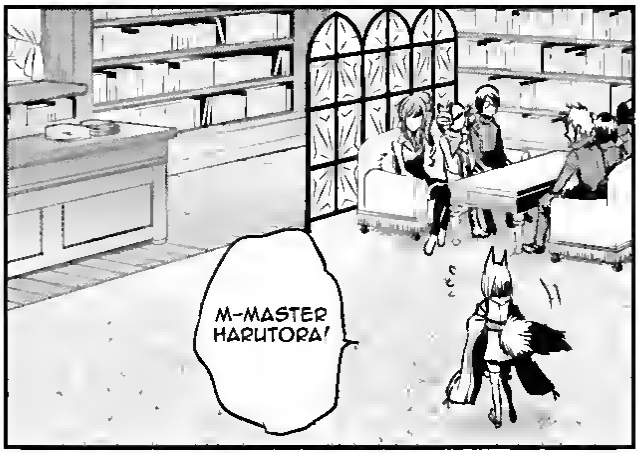
KAKU-GYO--
THERE'S NO MISTAKING IT. HE IS--
I SAW ITS SHADOW HIDDEN BY THE MASTER'S SIDE, AND I'VE HEARD THE REPORTS.
THIS INTENSE OGRE SPIRIT...

FWOOM
!!
WATCH YOUR MOUTH.

THUNK
.....
...THAT'S THE SPIRIT.

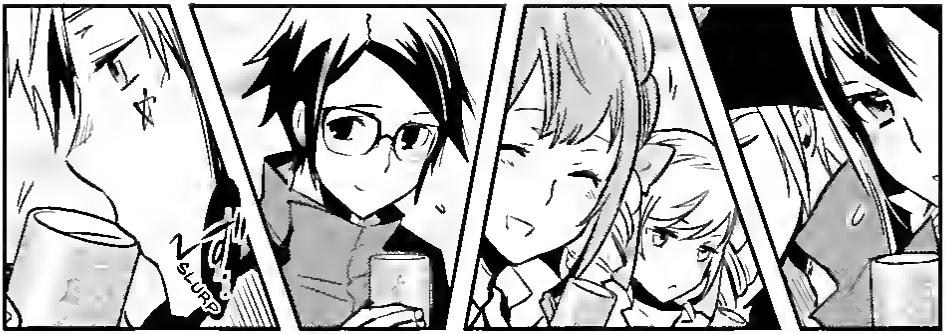

I'D BE DISAPPOINTED WITH ANYTHING LESS...

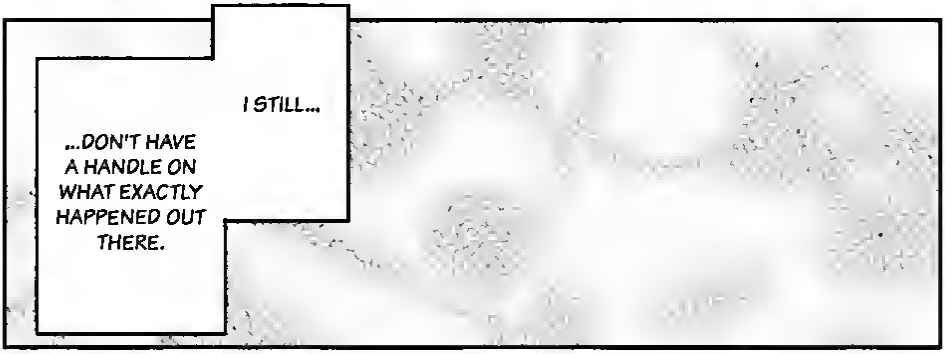


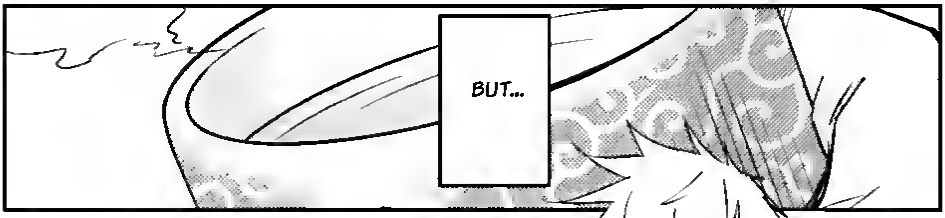

M-MASTER HARUTORA!

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

OH, THANKS.
I-I-I MADE TEA!


SLURP


I STILL...
...DON'T HAVE A HANDLE ON WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENED OUT THERE.


BUT...

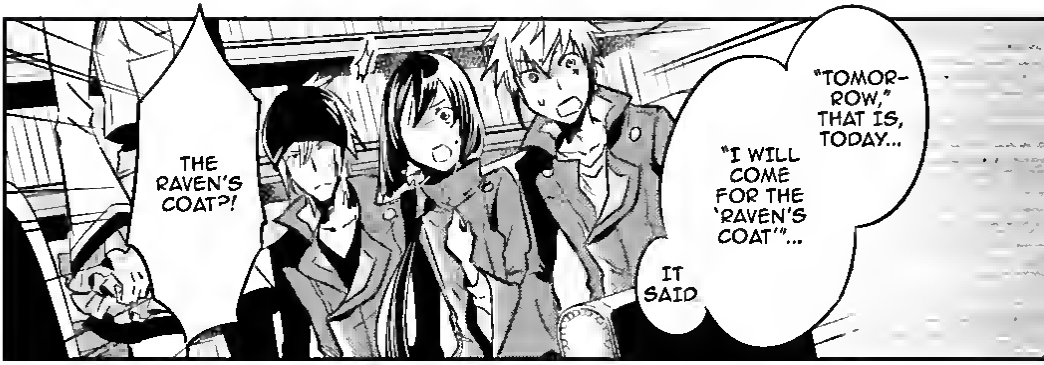
DOMAN, MR. OTOMO, KOGURE...
ALL THEIR DAZZLING, ENORMOUS SPELLS...
JUST THINKING ABOUT THEM MAKES MY HEART POUND...

THEY WERE BEAUTIFUL.
SIMPLY BEAUTIFUL.
IT MUST BE A SIDE EFFECT OF BEING RELEASED FROM THE TENSION OF BATTLE.
I CAN'T BELIEVE I CAN THINK THAT WAY ABOUT A SITUATION THAT DANGEROUS.
カチ CLACK
カチカチ CLACK
CLACK

.....
W-W-WELL...
IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME!
POOF
FIDGET
FIDGET
FIDGET
I JUST RECEIVED WORD FROM THE HOSPITAL.
IT SEEMS MR. OTOMO HAS JUST REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS.
KER-CHUNK

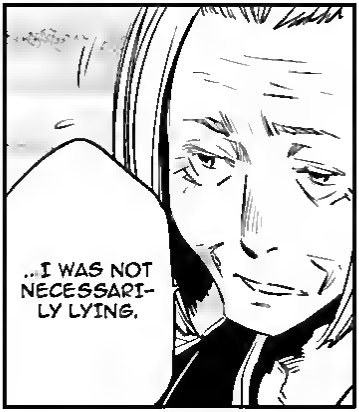
IS HE OKAY?!
YES, THEY SAID...
IT APPEARS TO BE A CASE OF EXHAUSTION.
CLATTER
CLATTER
I HAVE A MESSAGE FROM HIM.
"I'LL BE TAKING A RAIN CHECK ON TODAY'S PRACTICE"...
HE SAYS.
WHAT IS .
...THAT GUY?
Ha ha...
HE COULD STILL DROP DEAD ANY SECOND!
THAT GUY REALLY IS NUTS.
PLOP
FWIP

A MERE "FORMER MAGICAL INVESTIGATOR" COULDN'T DO THAT KIND OF CRAP.
AND IN THE FIRST PLACE, THERE'S NO WAY A MASTER OF HIS LEVEL ISN'T KNOWN.
WHO THE HELL IS HE?
IF YOU WANT TO KNOW, YOU'LL HAVE TO ASK HIM YOURSELF.
HEHEH!
THE ONLY THING I CAN TELL YOU...
...IS THAT HE IS ONE OF THE FINE INSTRUCTORS AT OUR SCHOOL.
...GRANDMOTHER
YOU PROMISED TO EXPLAIN ALL THIS EARLIER, DIDN'T YOU?
WHAT IN THE WORLD HAPPENED OUT THERE?
AND WHAT WAS THE PURPOSE OF DOMAN ASHIYA'S ATTACK?
...LAST NIGHT, A WARNING LETTER WAS DELIVERED TO THE ONMYO AGENCY.


"TOMORROW," THAT IS, TODAY...
"I WILL COME FOR THE 'RAVEN'S COAT'"...
IT SAID
THE RAVEN'S COAT?!

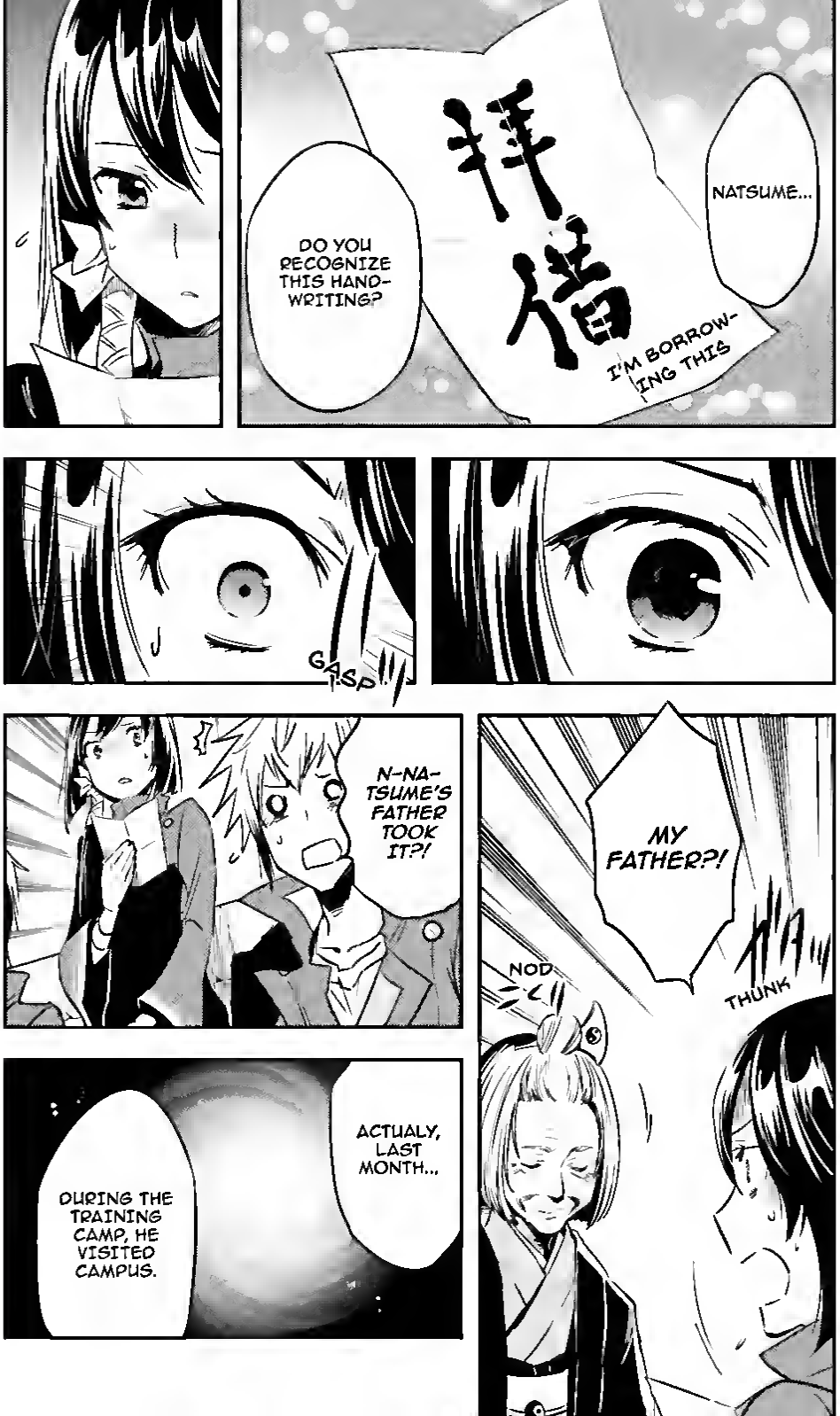
AS FOR THE ORIGINAL...
I SEALED IT IN THE SCHOOL STORAGE ROOM.

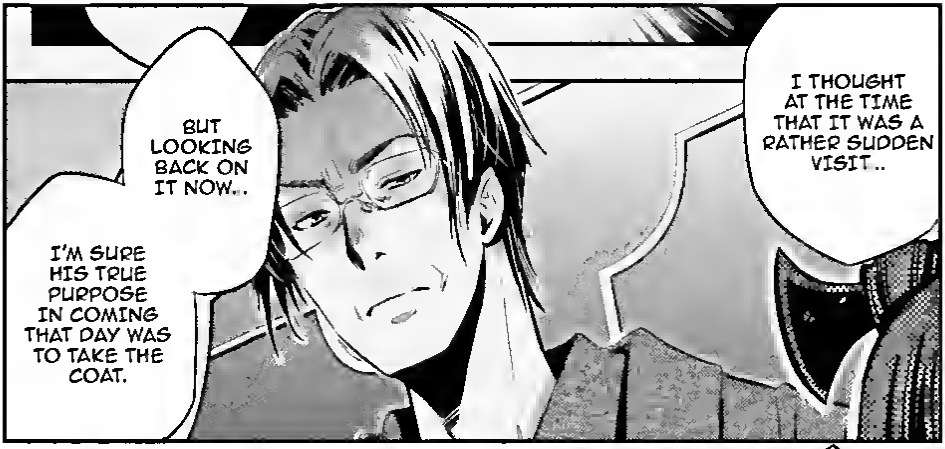
WAIT A MINUTE!
THEN, WHY DID HE ATTACK THE SCHOOL INSTEAD OF THE AGENCY?!
THE COAT STORED AT THE ONMYO AGENCY IS A FAKE.


...I WAS NOT NECESSARILY LYING.

TH-THEN, WHY DID YOU LIE TO DOMAN ABOUT IT NOT BEING HERE?!
Isn't that kind of a scandal?!
WHA?!

IT IS TRUE THAT THE COAT WAS STORED HERE...
BUT IT IS NO LONGER IN MY POSSESSION.
AND AS PATHETIC AS IT IS...
I ONLY NOTICED...
...THAT THE COAT WAS MISSING...
...LATE LAST NIGHT...
AFTER THE WARNING ARRIVED.
TH-THE COAT WAS STOLEN?!
YES.
ALTHOUGH I ALREADY HAVE A PRETTY GOOD IDEA...
...OF WHO TOOK IT.
...IN THE RAVEN'S COAT'S PLACE, I FOUND THIS LETTER.


NATSUME...
DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS HAND-WRITING?
I'M BORROW-ING THIS
GASP!!!
N-NA-TSUME'S FATHER TOOK IT?!
MY FATHER?!
NOD
THUNK
ACTUALY, LAST MONTH...
DURING THE TRAINING CAMP, HE VISITED CAMPUS.


I THOUGHT AT THE TIME THAT IT WAS A RATHER SUDDEN VISIT..
BUT LOOKING BACK ON IT NOW...
I'M SURE HIS TRUE PURPOSE IN COMING THAT DAY WAS TO TAKE THE COAT.

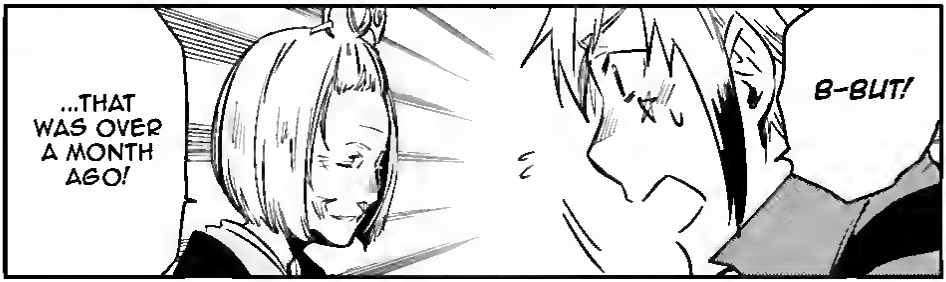
"BY USING THE RAVEN'S COAT..."
"ONE CAN DETERMINE IF HE IS THE RE-INCARNATION OF YAKO

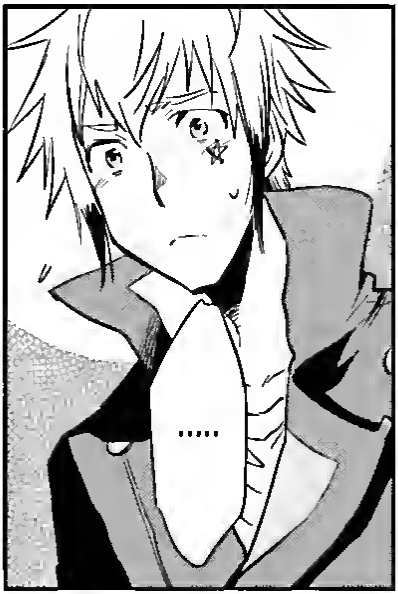
B-BUT WHY--
GASP

IN ALL LIKELI-HOOD...

.....
SILENCE

IT IS NOT WIDELY KNOWN, BUT..
HE IS A VERY SKILLED ASTROLOGER.
I BELIEVE HE PREDICTED TODAY'S EVENTS...
AND SECRETED AWAY THE COAT BEFOREHAND.


...THAT WAS OVER A MONTH AGO!
B-BUT!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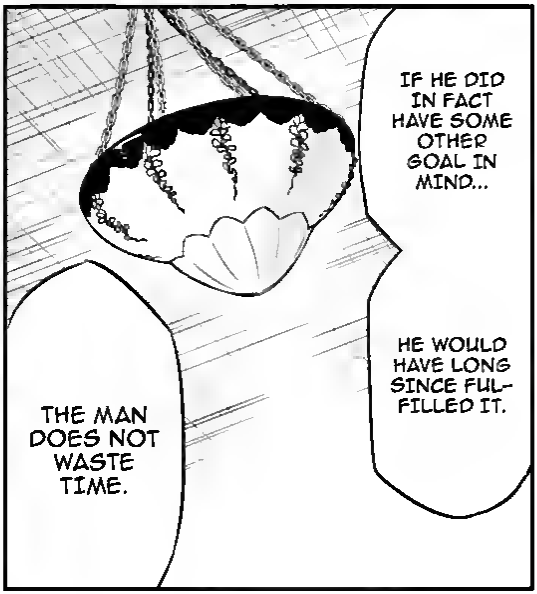
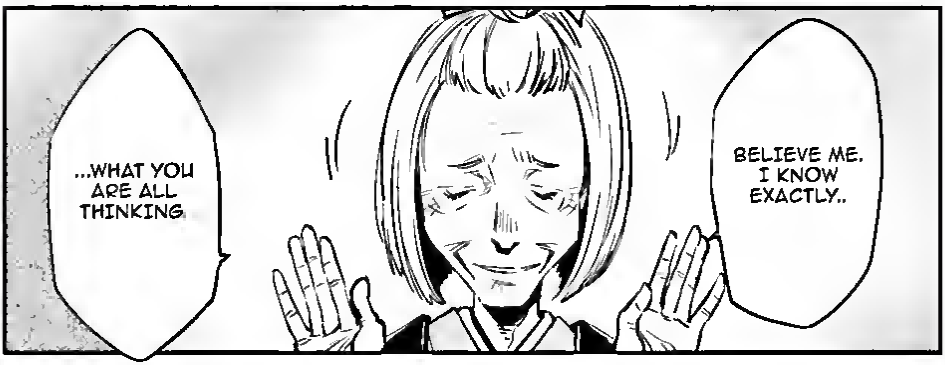
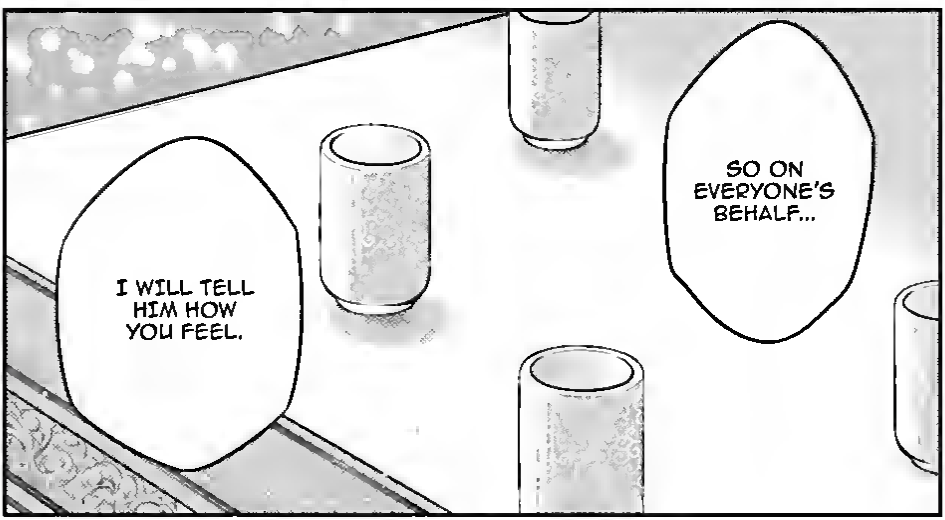

IF HE DID IN FACT HAVE SOME OTHER GOAL IN MIND...
HE WOULD HAVE LONG SINCE FULFILLED IT.
THE MAN DOES NOT WASTE TIME.

WELL, AT ANY RATE, THANKS TO HIS ACTIONS...
DOMAN ASHIYA DID NOT GET HIS HANDS ON THE COAT.
IT MAY BE FOR THE BEST TO LEAVE IT WITH HIM FOR THE TIME BEING.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
NOW THAT DOMAN ASHIYA IS DEAD...
SHOULDN'T WE ASK FOR IT BACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE?
...I HAVE ANOTHER MESSAGE FROM MR. OTOMO...

"DOMAN ASHIYA IS DEAD...
"BUT WE STILL DO NOT KNOW WHETHER HE HAS BEEN ELIMINATED"...
HE SAID
AND...
"WE'LL PROBABLY BE SAFE FOR THE PRESENT, BUT DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN"...
HE ADDED

OH...
NO, DON'T SAY ANY-THING


...WHAT YOU ARE ALL THINKING
BELIEVE ME. I KNOW EXACTLY..


I WILL TELL HIM HOW YOU FEEL.
SO ON EVERYONE'S BEHALF...

"HEY NOW.
"SPARE US THE BAD JOKES."

SHHHHH
SHHHHH
SKITTER

FWIP
...A MESSAGE.
PLOP

RUSTLE
RUSTLE
HOW ANNOYING
A HUMBLE ENTREATY TO THE GODS OF THE TAIZAN FUKUN UNDERWORLD
THIS IS SO ANNOYING.
I'M NOT HIS Ffamiliar, I'M HIS DISCIPLE.
RUSTLE
WHAP

THE REFRIG-ERATOR, RIGHT?
ガタ…
THUNK
SLAP
SHRRP
SHRRP
SHRRP

VA-REEEN
AT LEAST...
YANK

END OF CHAPTER 51

LEFT OUT IN THE COLD

AFTERWORD

HERE IT IS!! IT'S VOLUME TEN!! HELLO, SUZUMI HERE. IT HAS NOW BEEN FOUR YEARS SINCE I WAS FIRST APPROACHED TO HANDLE THE COMIC ADAPTATION OF *TOKYO RAVENS*... I AM FULL OF EMOTIONS. WHEN THE COMIC STARTED RUNNING, I HAD ONLY READ THE FIRST TWO VOLUMES OF THE ORIGINAL.

MY HEART IS CONSTANTLY POUNDING WHEN I READ THE ORIGINAL. I'M ALWAYS THINKING, "WILL WE BE ABLE TO GET THIS FAR IN THE COMIC VERSION?" THAT WE MANAGED TO MAKE IT THIS FAR IS ALL THANKS TO YOU, OUR KIND READERS! I'LL KEEP PLUGGING ALONG AT THE COMIC VERSION FOR A WHILE (?) LONGER, SO I ASK FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IN THE FUTURE.

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I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH YOU TOO, ASSISTANTS!!

AND TO MR. AZANO AND MY EDITOR A, I'LL BE IN YOUR CARE ONCE AGAIN!!

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